

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29271 / S1271

This bill provides a method for the legislature to appropriate additional funds for K-12 schools and reduce local property taxes. Schools that have a supplemental maintenance and operation levy are required to use 75% of the funds they receive to reduce the levy. After reducing the levy, or if a school has no levy, any funds remaining can be used at the discretion of the School Board. If a school takes the funds one year but does not reduce the levy, the school is ineligible for these funds for two (2) years.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation is subject to appropriation by the legislature. For each dollar the legislature appropriates a fraction of that will result in direct property tax savings and we will reduce the number of schools that depend on a local levy. Currently 89 schools have a supplemental levy in place.

Appropriated	Levy Reduction	Number of Schools
\$100,000,000	\$67,070,132	81
\$200,000,000	\$116,093,009	58
\$300,000,000	\$141,226,129	44

If we appropriated \$300 million, we would reduce property taxes by \$141 million and reduce the number of schools with a levy by one half.

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